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There is not very much news of importance to relate from this city. A fire broke out on the evening of the 18th instant in the South end of a house occupied by the head of a Protestant mission in the Wesleyan Mission. The mission house were in some danger for a while, happily escaped. The fire was not extinguished, until five houses had been destroyed.

I hear that a few days back His Excellency Viceroy held a sort of Council with the Lieutenant-Governor and the Commander of the troops, during which the principal heads of disaffection connected with the events of the affairs between Russia and China falling into war, was discussed. Various considerations were arrived at, or what steps resolved upon, I have no means of knowing, but I am certain that preparations are going on, such as the collection of arms of all sorts, and that the city walls are being repaired. Do not the Russians would be much impressed by the fact that the Chinese are preparing to be ready to receive them, but I hardly think the collection of antiquated guns would serve to deter them from an attack if they had resolved to make one. Nor would a slight profitless sacrifice of money. The troops in the Parado Ground for inspire them, with much awe.

The 18th protestant has been the first of the souls of the Chinese.

The Treaty of Chen Hing-fu, who retired office last month, died the other day in after a long illness. He is said to have been popular as an official.

The practice of collecting the kelin to raw opium in the province of Kwangtung is now told, then let to a merchant named Yu Ching for five years. He has agreed to supply 8000 catty of opium for the sum of \$100,000 as security. The amount is considerable.

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noisy and irregular infiltration with the These manoeuvres they sometimes per- (eath of a strong tide, working the breasting water, against the current with rapidity. This fool's play, so thorough in its way, I do not suppose we shall opportunity of witnessing again for some come, as the water has become somewhat late.—Shanghai Courier Correspondent

